

Help For Hurricane Katrina Victims

The federal government and the State of California have teamed up to make it easier to sign up for federal and state benefit programs. If you've lost all of your records and legal documents in the hurricane or flood, you can still sign up for benefits that may include Medicaid, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), child care support, foster care support, mental health services, and alcohol/drug abuse treatment services. Special enrollment teams have been set up in many shelters, or you can contact any welfare office in any of California's 58 counties. You can also enroll at www.govbenefits.gov.

Special Notice To Louisiana Health Plan Enrollees

Your plan has extended its phone hours to Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Central Standard Time, at 1-800-736-0947. If you are from Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, or Washington Parishes, you have been given an extra grace period – until October 30, 2005 -- to send in your September and October premium payments. The plan will also accept third party checks and money orders during that grace period, in addition to personal checks. If you have temporarily moved to a new area due to the hurricane and flooding, please contact the Louisiana Health Plan and give them your temporary address and phone number.